

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT:**

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph as a third paragraph in the section titled "Background of the Invention". In other words, the following paragraph should be added as a new paragraph following the words "as compared to an open-ended headband such as Stroup's" and immediately preceding the words "US Patent 5,590,422 by Henderson."

[In US Patent 4,723,325 Perry describes a combination sweatband and facial wipe comprising a length of fabric that is made to form a continuous loop separated by a twist into two loops such that the smaller loop can encircle the head of the wearer in the manner of a headband while the larger loop can be draped around the neck, chest and shoulders of the wearer such that it can be used as a towel or a wipe. Perry's headband cannot be used as a fashion accessory because it includes a large loop that is intended to be used as a wipe. Additionally, unlike the device of the current application, Perry's device does not include an element that is intended to be used as ponytail retainer. Thus Perry's device does not address the need for a simple and elegant headband that can be used as a fashion headband and ponytail retainer].